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Annual Port Health Report of the Port of Sandwich

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II. Amount of Shipping entering the District during 1952.

Ships from	No.	Tonnage	No. Inspected		No. reported as having or having had I.D. on board
			By M.O.H.	By Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Parts	1	113	1	1	None
Coastwise	59	6379	-	10	None
Total	60	6492	1	11	None

III. The character of shipping and trade to the port is small tonnage coastal vessels, with an occasional vessel from the continental seaboard.

There is no passenger traffic either inward or outward.

Principal imports are timber, soyabeans, with coastal shipping of petrol, paraffin, spirit and oil.

The principal ports from which ships arrive are Gravesend for coastwise and Swedish ports for foreignwise.

IV. There is no inland barge traffic to the port.

V. Water Supply.

(1). The water supply to the port is from the Sandwich Borough water supply, a deep chalk well water, chlorinated and delivered in mains to water points on the quay.

Quays to the north of the Stonar cut receive mains water supply from the Ramsgate Borough mains metered to that part of Sandwich Borough.

(2). Test of the mains water supply from a water point on the town quay proved satisfactory on test.

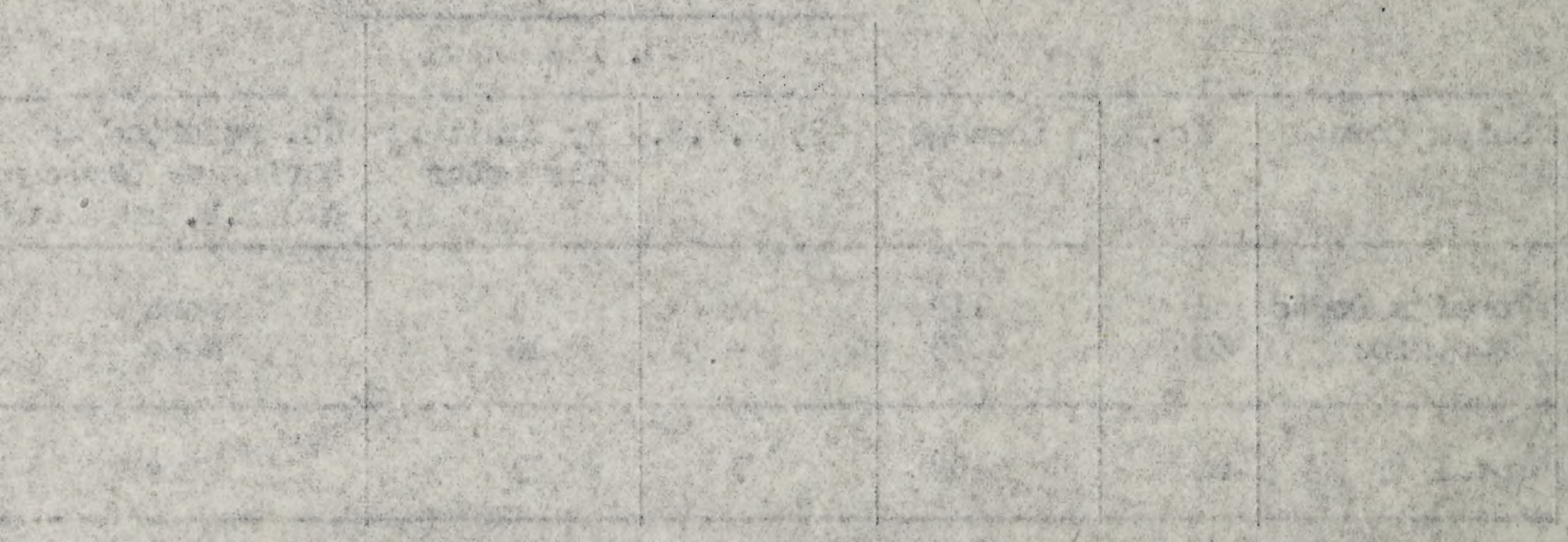
(3). Water points on the quay are inspected. No apparatus is supplied by the port for tank filling.

(4). No water boats are working in the port.

VI. Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

(1) A list of infected ports is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health on the basis of the information provided by the Minister. H.M. Customs at Ramsgate who provide the waterguard of the Port of Sandwich receive this information from the Port Medical Officer of Ramsgate. The information is supplied to the Harbourmaster/Pilot.

(2) There are no arrangements for sending permission to or receiving radio messages from ships entering the district.



(3) Notifications of ships arrival or impending arrival is received through the Harbourmaster.

(4) Infected or suspected ships are unlikely to come into the port until cleared. H.M. Customs have indicated that a ship flying Q or signalling suspicion would be held in the roads until boarded by the Port Medical Officer of Ramsgate or Sandwich.

In the event of a case arising in a ship in port the ship would be shoved off and isolated. There is a suitably isolated mooring at the Sandwich Motor Launch Club mooring south of the Stonar cut, approachable by ambulance, and suitable for use by a small vessel.

There are no standing directions under these Regulations.

(5) (a) Hospital accommodation for infectious disease is at Haine Isolation Hospital, Ramsgate.
(b) No standing instructions have been laid down on surveillance but information would be passed to the Medical Officers of Health of the places of destination and local action would be taken by the Medical Officer of Health.

(c) The nearest disinfectors are at Haine Isolation Hospital and at the Borough of Deal. The cleansing of persons would be carried out on board ship or by arrangement at Deal cleansing station . Ships would be disinfected by gaseous disinfection followed by cleaning down.

VII. Smallpox.

(1) Cases are sent to the Rivers Hospital, Long Reach, Dartford.
(2) Canterbury Joint Ambulance Service provides transport. The vaccinal state of the ambulance staff is maintained by the Medical Officer of Health.
(3) The nearest smallpox consultant is Dr. F.L. Cassidi, Longport, Canterbury. Telephone 3540 or 2186.
(4) Laboratory diagnosis of smallpox is centred on the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. Telephone Colindale 7041

VIII. Clinics and inpatient facilities for the treatment of Venereal Disease are centred on:-

Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury.	Males Tuesday and Friday 5 to 6.30 p.m. Females Tuesday and Friday 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.
The General Hospital, Margate	Males Wednesday and Saturdays 10 a.m. Females Wednesday and Saturdays 9 a.m.
The Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover.	Males/Females Monday 5 p.m. Tuesday 6 p.m.

This information is available at the Guildhall, Sandwich on enquiry.

IX. No cases of notifiable or other infectious diseases were known to have occurred on ships in the district.

X and XI No cases of malaria or plague were known or suspected in the district.

XII. (1) Ships are inspected for rat infestation on arrival and the Rat certificate is inspected.
(2) The Public Health Laboratory, Maidstone would receive rats for examination for plague, if any suspicions arose.
(3) The port is not approved for deratisation.
(4) Table E - nil. Table F - nil.

XIII. Inspection of ships for nuisances.
11 inspections were made to ships in the port during the year. No statutory or other notices were served.

XIV. Some gathering of molluscs is believed to occur on the flats of Sandwich Bay below highwater but no suspicions have been directed towards such fish and no regular trade can be identified.

XV. The port is not approved for the landing of aliens.